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SUBJECT: COMMENT BY DEPUTY TALES RAMALHO ON CIA AND THE FOREIGN  
POLICY OF PRESIDENT GEISEL

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1. IN REMARKS PUBLISHED AUGUST 11 BY "MOVIMENTO," A NEW LEFTIST-  
NATIONALIST WEEKLY POLITICAL COMMENTARY JOURNAL, DEPUTY THALES  
RAMALHO (MDB-PE) WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, "I MADE NO ACCUSATION  
BECAUSE I DO NOT HAVE PROOF" (SEE REFTEL). BUT, RAMALHO NOTED, IN TERMS

OF POLITICAL DEVELOPMENT "EVERYTHING WORSENEDED AFTER THE  
CREATION OF NUCLEBRAS." THE DEPUTY ALSO REFERRED IN THE ARTICLE  
TO WHAT HE TERMED "OTHER EPISODES" WHICH HAD CREATED US  
INDISPOSITION TOWARD BRAZIL'S FOREIGN POLICY. THE "EPISODES"  
CITED WERE THE "ACQUISITION OF ALMOST EIGHTY PERCENT OF THE EQUIP-  
MENT FOR ITAIPU FROM THE USSR" (SIC) AND THE GOB-FRG NUCLEAR ACCORD.  
THE US MADE TWO WARNINGS OF ITS DISPLEASURE TO THE GOB,  
ACCORDING TO RAMALHO. FIRST, HE ALLEGED, US SUPPORT TO ARGENTINA  
ON THE QUESTION OF THE SHARING OF INTERNATIONAL RIVERS "ALMOST  
HINDERED THE CONSTRUCTION OF ITAIPU." THE SECOND ACT OF CENSURE  
OCCURRED, RAMALHO CONTINUED, WHEN THE US "GAVE THE PRESIDENCY OF  
THE OAS TO THE SAME COUNTRY (ARGENTINA) PREJUDICING BRAZILIAN  
INTERESTS."

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2. RAMALHO COMMENTED THAT HE WAS NOT SAYING "ANYTHING NEW" SINCE THERE WAS A VAST LITERATURE ON THE INTERVENTION OF HTE CIA IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES, PRINCIPALLY THOSE THAT ARE UNDER-DEVELOPED. THE ARTICLE ENDED WITH THE DEPUTY EXPRESSING AMAZEMENT THAT "ANYONE WAS STILL SURPRISED WITH THIS."

3. COMMENT: RAMALHO'S FOLLOW-UP STATEMENTS WERE PUBLISHED, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, ONLY IN THIS NEW, LOW-CIRCULATION WEEKLY JOURNAL, WHICH INCIDENTALLY IS PRECENSORED. OTHERWISE THERE HAS BEEN NO FOLLOW UP, EXCEPT FOR A SERIES OF ARTICLES IN A LOCAL RECIFE NEWSPAPER ENTITLED, "THALES AND THE CIA," TO EITHER RAMALHO'S INITIAL REMARKS OR HIS SUPPLEMENTARY STATEMENTS. END COMMENT.

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